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Hart Plaza, en el centro de Detroit, revive con el Festival ¡ARRiBA! Latinos

Por Juan Ochoa

Después de 30 años, los vibrantes sonidos y ricos sabores de la cultura latina resonarán en Hart Plaza. El Festival ARRiBA! Latinos se llevará a cabo del 2 al 3 de agosto de 2025, marcando el regreso de celebraciones culturales de gran escala en este lugar icónico.

El festival traerá estrellas de la música local e internacional. Entre los artistas destacados se encuentran Régulo Caro y Noel Torres, Pee Wee, el ex cantante de Kumbia Kings y Gregorio Pernia, ampliamente reconocido por sus papeles en la televisión colombiana, por nombrar algunos.

"Espero que esta sea una oportunidad para que nos unamos y celebremos esa variedad en nuestros sonidos y nuestra comida", dijo Paula Anderanin, coorganizadora y propietaria de Candela Detroit. "Creo que es una oportunidad para destacar nuestro talento local, pero también para ofrecer a la gente de aquí la posibilidad de ver a estos grandes artistas en un solo lugar".

Una de las presentaciones del festival será la "Experiencia Selena", un tributo inmersivo de la artista Tatyana D'Voce, quien busca honrar el legado de la querida ícono. "Selena fue la mayor inspiración en mi vida", dijo D'Voce. "Su música, su baile, su personalidad... todo eso realmente fue la mayor inspiración en mi vida".

Pero ¡ARRiBA! es más que una reunión musical. El evento contará con una variedad de actividades atractivas para todas las edades, incluyendo el emocionante espectáculo de lucha libre Lucha Xtreme, con atletas internacionalmente reconocidos como MicroMan. Un rincón dedicado para niños ofrecerá una casa inflable y pintura facial gratuita para las familias, asegurando que cada asistente tenga una experiencia inolvidable.

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Downtown Detroit's Hart Plaza Comes Back to Life with ARRiBA! Latinos Festival

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By Juan Ochoa

After 30 years, the vibrant sounds and rich flavors of Latin culture are set to echo through Hart Plaza once more. The ARRiBA! Latinos Festival will run from August 2-3, 2025, marking a return of large-scale cultural celebrations at the iconic venue.

The festival will bring local and international music stars. Featured performers include music by Regulo Caro and Noel Torres, Pee Wee, the former Kumbia Kings singer, and Gregorio Pernia, widely recognized for his roles on Colombian television to name a few.

"I'm hoping that this is an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate that variety in our sounds and our food," said Paula Anderanin, co-organizer and owner of Candela Detroit. "I think it's an opportunity for us to highlight our local talent but also provide an opportunity for people that live here to go see these bigger acts all in one place."

A noteworthy highlight of the festival will be the "Selena Experience," an immersive tribute by performer Tatyana D'Voce, who aims to honor the beloved icon's legacy. "Selena was the biggest inspiration in my life," said D'Voce. "Her music, her dancing, her personality—all of that really was the biggest inspiration in my life."

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Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Among 23 Organizations to Receive Grants to Support Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs

MEDC Announces $8.8 Million in Grants

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) recently announced the 23 Michigan organizations that will receive grant funding from the Trusted Connector Grant program, which provide grants to organizations such as chambers of commerce and other member-based organizations that engage with under-represented small businesses and/or tech-based entrepreneurs across the state. Additionally, a Detroit-based company will receive grant funding from the Entrepreneur Support Grant program.

In total, the $6.8 million in Trusted Connector Grants and a $2 million Entrepreneur Support Grant will allow the selected organizations to continue providing technical assistance programming, networking events, mentorship, and outreach to small businesses throughout Michigan.

"We are invested in the success of Michigan's small businesses and are committed to doing everything we can to provide them with the resources they need for growth," said MEDC Senior Vice President of Small Business & Talent Amy Rencher. "Economic development draws on the power of community, and the organizations selected to receive Trusted Connector Grant funds and our Entrepreneur Support Grant program awardee, Dunamis Charge, represent the strength of the state's small business environment and entrepreneurial spirit. We cannot do this work alone, and we are proud to serve alongside them."

Trusted Connector Grant

The Trusted Connector grants total $6.8 million in funding to support small business development initiatives across the state. This funding opportunity provides grants to organizations such as chambers of commerce and other member-based organizations that regularly convene and engage under-represented small businesses and/or tech-based entrepreneurs through technical assistance programming, networking events, mentorship, and outreach.

While most grantees have multi-county service areas, several grantees will serve entrepreneurs statewide. The funding opportunity was highly competitive, with 44 eligible applications demonstrating $15 million in need across the state to increase awareness of resources available to entrepreneurs and to provide expert, culturally competent technical assistance.

One of the $250,000 statewide grants was awarded to the Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MHCC). According to MHCC Executive Director Mark A. Moreno the grant will help expand the organization's technical assistance and resources to Hispanic-owned businesses.

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It's Time to Hear from "Latino Voices" In Tech

By Santiago Esparza

Jesse Venegas believes we are on the cusp of a technological revolution that will change the way we do everything from work to play to education.

He is worried people of color will miss out on the boom stemming from the rapid advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and is giving a TED-style talk from noon to 3 p.m. on June 7 at the Mexicantown CDC Galeria, 2835 Bagley in Southwest Detroit to address it.

"There will be huge leaps in technology," said Venegas, president of the Ideal Group. "There is a whole wave of modernization coming."

TED, Technology Entertainment and Design, is a nonprofit that posts short videos meant to get people talking about and looking deeper into various issues. The TED talks caught on and have become a staple for many looking to learn or do more about a particular idea.

Venegas wants people of color to not get lost in the shuffle because they are underrepresented in the high-tech sector and management in that sector.

The United States Employment Opportunity Commission's Diversity in the High Tech Workforce and Sector that examined data from 2014 to 2022 found that 7.4 percent of the workforce were African American and Latinos comprised 9.9 percent. Blacks were 5.7 percent of the managers in the field while Latinos were 8.1 percent, according to the commission's report.

Many small business owners are used to doing the work themselves, hiring consultants or relying on their employees to plan construction projects, landscaping designs and blueprints for housing developments. Venegas would like people not in the tech fields to understand they still need access to the knowledge in order to compete, even if it seems like it does not affect their business. AI can do some of that work in minutes, whereas a consultant may take a few weeks.

"AI will make things move faster," Venegas said.

But people still will be needed to make sure real world applications are being considered and included, he said.

"We will always need people," Venegas said. "It (AI) is not perfect. But it is here and it is not going away."

The advancements are changing the way work is done in factories, at plants on construction sites as well as in the medical fields, the service industry and transportation.

'It is not the jobs of the 1980s – a job on the line," Venegas said. "There still will be the manual labor side of it but a tech side as well."

The free talk is sponsored by the Minority Education Freedom Foundation, Latinos en Michigan and CreateValue, an innovation and entrepreneurship consulting company.

"AI has changed the game," said Andres Ospino, founder of CreateValue. "We need to start playing that game. If we do not do it right now, we will be left behind."

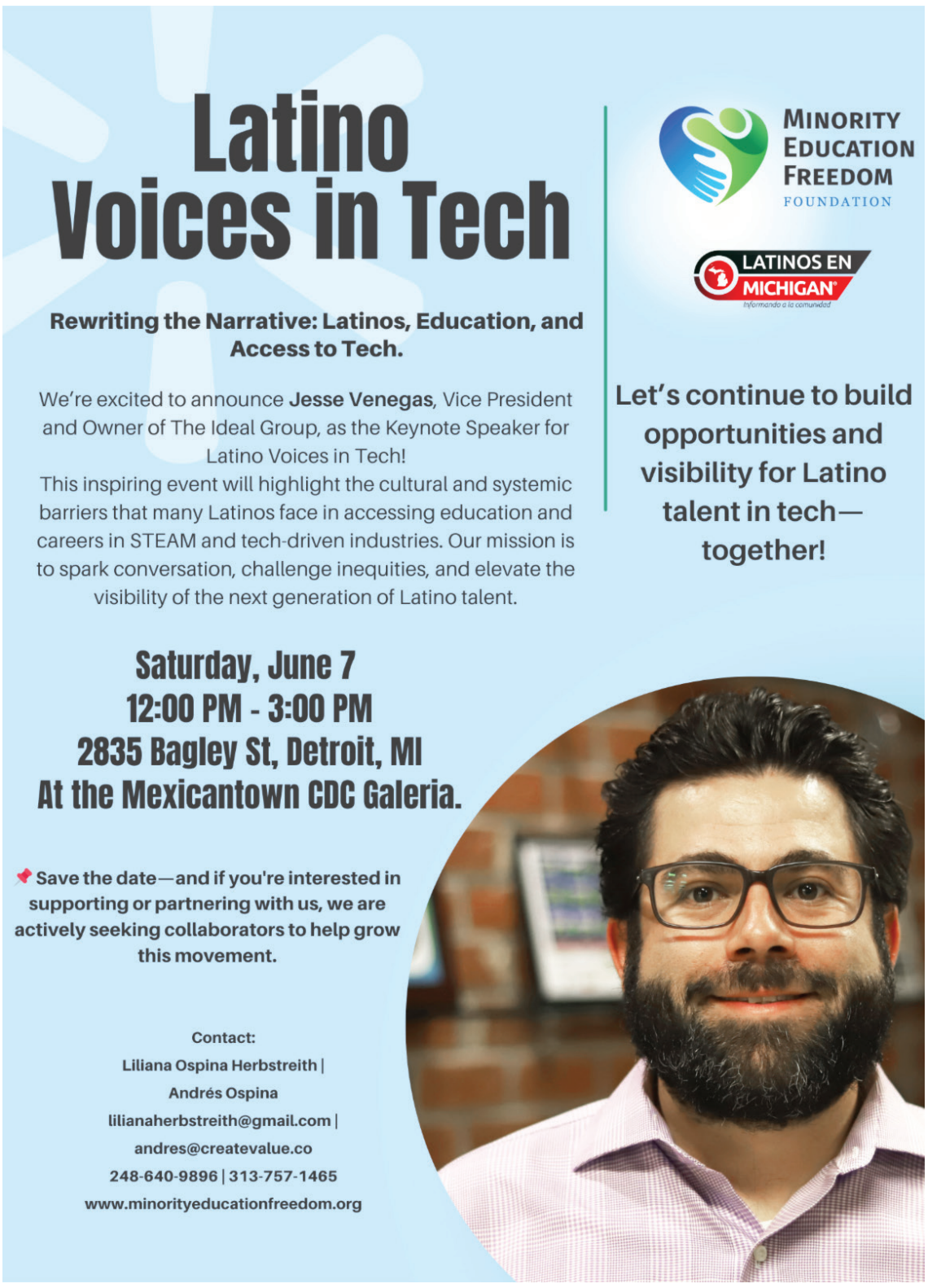
Ospino compares the invention of and usage of AI to when computers, Internet and the social media were invented and came to be commonly used.

"We want to be part of the next tech generation," Ospino said, comparing AI to the Industrial Revolution of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. "We need to be talking about tech and how we use it. What are the barriers? What are we facing?"

Venegas said he will discuss the downfalls of AI, as well. There are concerns about the technology taking on a life of its own, like in science fiction movies and unintended consequences. There also are more real world issues. Venegas' company recently used AI when confidential data was accidentally posted publicly online because it was not filtered out.

"You have to be thoughtful how you use AI," he said.

To register for the event, visit bit.ly/LatinoVoicesinTech.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Heroes of the Neighborhood

Join local non-profit organization Urban Neighborhood Initiatives (UNI) to honor local everyday heroes at their park, the Springdale Green Playlot (8300 Longworth, Detroit, MI 48209) on June 12th, 2025 from 6 - 9 pm. The annual community event honors individuals and organizations that have positively impacted the Southwest Detroit neighborhood. The inspiring evening is filled with stories of courage, resilience, and community spirit, celebrating the collective efforts that have made a lasting change in Southwest Detroit.

The family-friendly event features live entertainment from Cesar Aquino, bounce house for kids, Paul's Pizza's traveling pizza oven, and a short video update on the development of our bike & cafe storefront. For more information about the event and to reserve your spot, please visit UNI's website at www.unidetroit.org or the event page at bit.ly/HoN-2025. Your attendance at the event will contribute to the celebration and recognition of those who have dedicated themselves to improving our community, Tickets range from $10 - $30 with champions tickets being $100.

We look forward to hosting our neighbors at Heroes of the Neighborhood on June 12th.

2025 Heroes of the Neighborhood Award Finalists

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- Business Hero Award: *El Parian & Alliance Catholic Credit Union*
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Movement Detroit 2025

Photos and story by Luciana Vega

Over Memorial Day weekend, thousands of music lovers descended on downtown Detroit for Movement 2025, the city's internationally acclaimed electronic music festival. Now in its 24th year, the three-day celebration – which was founded as the Detroit Electronic Music Festival – returned to Hart plaza, drawing a massive crowd from across Detroit and around the world to honor the city's past, present, and future through the universal language of music.

This year's lineup paid tribute to Detroit's status as the "Birthplace of Techno" while also showcasing the next generation of electronic artists. Movement's six stages featured the sounds of Detroit's own Sillygirlcarmen, Anton Swinton, and the local ghettotech group Hitech. The festival's headliners brought international star power to Hart Plaza, with performances by Zack Fox, A$AP Ferg, Sara Landry and HorsegiirL.

The three-day music festival brought together longtime residents and visitors in a shared celebration for and of Detroit, fostering connections and reinforcing community bonds. Movement 2025 proved once again that Detroit's influence on global music culture remains as strong as ever, with the city continuing to nurture both its legendary past and its innovative future.

3rd time festival goers Emmy Delatorre (left) Leena Park (right)

King Milo of Detroit group Hitech energizes the crowd on the Waterfront Stage during day 1 of Movement.

Ashton Swinton, a West Side Detroit native, takes the Detroit Stage on day 1 of Movement

(From left to right) ZelooperZ (Walter Williams) from Detroit, Atlanta-based rapper, DJ, and comedian Zack Fox, and photographer Cam Hicks.

Detroit's own Carmen Johnson (sillygirlcarmen) kicks off day 1 of Movement with a set on the Pyramid Stage.

Lucy and group traveled from Dallas Texas to Detroit for Movement 2025

MHCC To Receive Grant

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"The Trusted Connector Grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) will provide MHCC with vital funding for capacity building to support our ongoing HBeX and Adelante MI programs, and other important resources to serve our Hispanic business community across Michigan," Moreno said.

The MHCC HBeX program consists of a capacity and business assessment by experienced business consultants. The 6-8 week comprehensive engagement is followed by targeted business development efforts led by an HBeX program manager.

The Adelante Michigan program focuses on equipping underserved Hispanic-owned microbusinesses with 10 or fewer employees. Eligible businesses receive resources to help them adapt, grow and become more sustainable.

The 23 grantees are established organizations skilled in meeting critical competitiveness and growth needs of Michigan small businesses in the areas of capital access preparedness; increasing digital acumen; promoting awareness of, and connection to, technology and innovation resources; facilitating expert-led mentorship and networking opportunities; providing and/or facilitating one-on-one coaching; providing and/or facilitating workshops and seminars with industry leaders; and providing appropriate referrals to Michigan entrepreneurial ecosystem partners to meet specific needs of the entrepreneur, according to industry or growth acceleration.

Entrepreneur Support Grant

The Entrepreneur Support Grant is a $2 million follow-on funding opportunity for exceptional performance from a previous awardee of the Inclusive Entrepreneurship Support Grant. Dunamis Charge, an EV charging solutions company based in Detroit, was selected for this opportunity.

The grants enjoyed broad support in the Michigan state legislature.

"As Chair of the Labor and Economic Opportunity budget, I know that providing entrepreneurs with wraparound supports for every stage of their business promotes greater economic equity and empowers business leaders to continue to build a stronger entrepreneurial environment," said State Sen. Mary Cavanagh (D-Redford). "Congratulations to the grant recipients and I look forward to your continued contributions to our local communities and the entire state of Michigan."

"These grants help support vital small business development in our local communities and the great service of organizations like the National Veteran Business Development Council. When we work to strengthen small businesses and our local economies, we build stronger communities for families across our state," said State Sen. Michael Webber (R-Rochester Hills).

EL CENTRAL Interview with Ed Siaje, President, Bank of America Detroit

While at the Detroit Regional Chamber Michigan Policy Conference last week on Mackinac Island, EL CENTRAL Hispanic News Managing Editor Robert Dewaelsche sat down for an interview on a wide range of questions with Ed Siaje, President of Bank of America Detroit. Siaje assumed his new role at the bank in November 2024. He has 26 years of experience in financial services and previously was responsible for more than 280 financial centers. He is a native of Southeastern Michigan.

EL CENTRAL: Thank you, Ed, for sitting down with EL CENTRAL. We are so appreciative of your support and my first question: Working with local journalism and ethnic publications and communications vehicles, where does that come from as far as the strategy that's being followed by Bank of America?

Siaje: It's important to us as an overall arching marketing strategy. But obviously we here locally take that very much to heart and we want to deliver because we're all from the area here. We live here. We work here. We raise our families here. So we love the diversity. We want our teammates to mirror the communities we serve. We want to be able to speak in the language that people prefer to speak in so we can act with them, etcetera.

There's a ton of reasons for why this community is important to us; the diversity is important to us and having the right team to face off in those specific geographic regions.

EL CENTRAL:

We really appreciate it, not only as a media outlet, but also as a small business.

Siaje: Which is also right important. That's the backbone of the economy is the people and the small business owners. And a lot of these owners are typically second-generation immigrants or their parents were immigrants. And so it's important that we're there to help support and educate them along the way.

EL CENTRAL: Speaking of small businesses, a lot of banks like the large national corporate banks are into the middle market and larger accounts. Talk about your commitment to helping small businesses develop.

Siaje: It's a great question. So, we have a major commitment to small business and obviously we do all the large corporate stuff, but the small business is the cornerstone to every community. And that small business owner is critical because a lot of communities need these smaller businesses.

Grocery stores, retail shops, a place to change your oil, whatever it might be. And so, we want to be there to provide that opportunity for them to grow and mature and achieve whatever goals they have. So we have a huge commitment to it.

Actually, we have recently just combined our small businesses and business banking teams for the single reason of we want the biggest experts, the greatest experts we have, talking to all of our business owners. So not to divide them off where you have a small business banking focus specifically that doesn't have the overall platform and capabilities that we can provide those clients. So, we've up tiered our talent to do a better job to deliver to every small business there is out there.

EL CENTRAL: That leads to a question about your outreach into the community in terms of sharing information and training and financial literacy, whether it's for individuals or businesses. Can you talk about how that's kind of evolving at Bank of America?

Siaje: So, we are very focused on not only the educational piece, but showing up with nonprofits doing financial education, doing workforce development, doing all the things, helping business owners with their workforce, which is, as you know, critical, helping them with their borrowing needs, budgeting, really getting into the details of their strategic plan, how to drive the support there. We have community banking officers that are local. We have business banking teammates that are experts in the field. And also internally, what we're doing is we're trying to connect internally a little bit more. So for example, if you're a small business owner but you don't have a personal relationship with us, like your personal checking or wealth management business, what we're trying to do is internally connect a little closer. So, we make sure we help clients not only with their specific thing that we're currently dealing with now, but how do we help them on their individual side as well as their business side?

We do a lot of work internally to really connect and bring in these experts from the different lines of business that we have internally to deliver for this holistic client, basically what's their business and their personal life?

EL CENTRAL: And if we can expand on that in your new role responsible for developing the market in the Detroit area, can you talk about the commitment and the ways that the bank is connected to Detroit leadership and the issues that Detroit is facing?

Siaje: So, we spend a ton of money supporting Detroit. Whether that's nonprofit grants, which Star (Estrella Crawford) does and delivers on a consistent basis. Volunteerism. We have done over 35,000 hours of volunteerism here in the state so we roll up our sleeves. We provide financially, we provide the advice. And then of course, we have all the services that are around and we try to set up ways to make sure that we're showing up in the community. Like we we're just at Motown over the weekend doing the founders' event.

We were with Mark Moreno at the Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. We support LA SED, SER Metro, all the organizations that you're very familiar with. We're involved and we're strong partners and we asked them all time, "what can we do for you?" Sometimes it's "Can you help us paint this room?" "Can you help us clean up during all the landscaping?" And then we send people out to do that. Sometimes it's "Hey, we need help with our campaign or some kind of strategy we're trying to bring life". So, we might write a check. It's just different. Sometimes we show up as team to educate their constituents, do financial education and talk about home loans or small business, etcetera. So, it's really whatever they ask of us is. Or sometimes we'll push them a little bit to say, "Hey, what can we do to show up for?"

EL CENTRAL: What would you say would the bank's strength be in terms of warranting an outstanding record (rating) in Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)?

Siaje: I'd say it's what we do around home loans. So that's a huge piece. So we have a great program that helps people build wealth, which is purchasing their first home. The way we do that is we provide $7,500 upfront for closing costs. So, think about your title fees, your recording fees, what it cost to close on a new home. And $7,500 usually covers most of the cost, if not all of it. And then we also help with down payment assistance up to $10,000 or 3%, whatever's last. So, you can help a person get in their home.

That's a huge way that we help deliver for the local community, especially low to moderate income areas, to your question around the Community Reinvestment Act. So we do a lot of work there, number one.

Number two, we also spend hours and volunteer and focus on our team in those spaces that we think need the most help. That's another way we fill in our CRA accountability, if you will. We also have financial centers in those locations to be there to support the needs, the daily needs and operating of people locally. So they have a bank to go to, a place to get a credit card, a place to apply for a loan, a place to get advice , etcetera. So, all of those (activities) kind of work together to help us drive that.

Ed Siaje, President, Bank of America Detroit

EL CENTRAL: I know you're chair of the United Way of Southeastern Michigan. Are you also personally involved in other nonprofits?

Siaje: Absolutely, I'm on Business Leaders for Michigan, as well, and the Detroit Economic Club, and I've spent time on ACCESS and other boards. So I've been on a lot of boards. I'm born and raised in the area, so it's really important to me personally that we're all there. But more importantly, it's less about what I can do personally and more about how do I engage the entire team of 13, 14 hundred employees and get them active. Because, as you could imagine, I'm one person. But mobilizing 13 or 1400 teammates can make a much greater impact than I can. So, it's really about ensuring that we find what our teammates commitments are, where their passions are, and then help them figure out how to use that in the local community.

EL CENTRAL: And in those positions where you do play a leadership role and things that are happening in Detroit, what's your personal vision for where you'd like to see the bank play a role in in Detroit's future?

Siaje: Well, I think we want to be a very key partner for that. Obviously, we want to stay close that we want to be part of the story. It's important to us that we touch as many lives or people or businesses as we can because we know we have a lot of resources and capabilities that we want to share with people. So we want to be part of that story. We want to help grow that entire economy and community.

EL CENTRAL: One last question, which may be the hardest to answer: What, if anything has changed in terms of the bank's position towards DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)? Has it changed at all?

Siaje: Nothing's changed. We've been around, frankly, for every president but one, I believe. So, we're not too concerned about the political environment where we're more focused in on our teammates and doing the right thing. So, what we did is, we did change the name from diversity, equity, inclusion to opportunity and equality like that. But we've always been committed internally to ensuring that we have, again, the right people facing off with the right local community and that they can speak the language. They're from the same background so they can just understand each other, but (work) like a relationship. So we're focused on that. We're focused on making sure diversity is opportunity within the bank, as well, so people can achieve their goals, and we're going to keep doing that regardless of what happens in the world.

EL CENTRAL: That's a great answer.

Siaje: Absolutely. So, we just keep doing what we think is right and doing what we do best. And, we hope that the outcome is there.

EL CENTRAL: Well, thank you.

Recapping the Detroit Mayoral Debate at the 2025 Mackinac Policy Conference

Closing the 2025 Mackinac Policy Conference, five Detroit mayoral candidates participated in the first debate of the election season, sharing their ideas and plans if elected Mayor of Detroit.

To kick off the debate, the candidates were asked what role the business community should play in Detroit and how they would manage tools like tax credits to lure or keep people in the city.

Saunteel Jenkins suggested that constituents "need a mayor is a business partner … that's the role I'll play as Mayor … [to] partner with businesses."

"We will look to restructure the abatement [taxes] … allowing our developers to pay a little earlier," **Fred Durhal III** said, also suggesting that Detroit needs a mayor who "already has a proven track record" of working with and in the City during the Duggan administration.

Solomon Kinloch Jr. suggested that businesses not be the only stakeholders at the table, "because we want to make sure residents feel like they are a part of the community … we should continue to welcome them as long as business owners are willing to work with [Detroit and its residents]."

James Craig pointed out his own business-friendly track record and urged raising revenues for the City, saying, "If we're going to grow our middle class, we're going to have to be business-friendly."

Mary Sheffield suggested structural property tax reform to boost business levels in Detroit, saying, "There is no doubt that the growth of our city was largely due to the public-private partnerships … when it comes to tax abatements, it is addressing why we have to do this in the first place."

The candidates were also asked more specific questions based on their professional backgrounds and ideologies.

Sheffield was asked how she would work with the federal government, specifically with the Trump administration, if she were to be Mayor. To that, she said that she knows how to work with all types of people and would not be intimidated by the President.

Craig spoke about his Conservative political ideology, but he said that it did not negatively impact his ability to work in "democratic cities" for most of his career, and it would not change if he were to become Mayor. He also added his "relationship with the White House, and I will leverage it."

Solomon was asked about balancing his time being mayor while also remaining a leader at his church—something he would still do if elected, but "just like the Mayor, I don't run the church alone."

Jenkins was asked to explain her City Council resignation in 2013—something she said was not abandoning the city during the bankruptcy process, but rather, literally to the day the city announced the exit of the bankruptcy.

Durhal was asked about his leadership experiences during his time on Detroit City Council, to which he implored that he has a "proven track record of getting things done. … we're at a crossroads, we cannot go back, we have to have someone with a reputation of being a builder."

Source: Detroit Regional Chamber

Detroit Mayoral Candidates Debate at the Michigan Policy Conference on Mackinac Island. Courtesy Detroit Regional Chamber

Guest Opinion:

"No Kings!" Rallies Planned Across Metro Detroit and Michigan as a National Day of Action

By Indivisible Metro Detroit

On Saturday, June 14, Donald Trump is staging a military parade in Washington, D.C. to celebrate his birthday—a spectacle funded by taxpayers and designed to project strongman politics. In response, over 55 events across Michigan—from Holland on Lake Michigan to Port Huron on Lake St. Clair—will unite under the banner of "No Kings!" as part of a nationwide day of action.

Speakers will include community organizers, veterans, faith leaders, and elder activists standing up for democracy, social programs, and the constitutional balance of power.

In America, we don't put up with would-be kings

NO KINGS is a national day of action and mass mobilization in response to increasing authoritarian excesses and corruption from Trump and his allies. We've watched as they've cracked down on free speech, detained people for their political views, threatened to deport American citizens, and defied the courts. They've done this – all while continuing to serve and enrich their billionaire allies.

On Saturday, June 14, we're taking to the streets nationwide. We're not gathering to feed his ego. We're building a movement that leaves him behind.

The flag doesn't belong to Donald Trump. It belongs to us. We're not watching history happen. We're making it.

On June 14th, we're showing up everywhere he isn't—to say no thrones, no crowns, no kings. Check out nokings.org for more information.

A core principle behind all No Kings events is a commitment to nonviolent action. We expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values.

Join local Indivisible groups 'Stand Up Indivisible', 'Indivisible Metro Detroit', 'Macomb Defenders Rising', 'Indivisible Fighting 9', 'Eastside Indivisible Alliance', 'Ann Arbor Indivisible', and 'Indivisible We the People Dissent' to say NO KINGS IN AMERICA.

When: Saturday, June 14, 2025

Locations and Times:

City	Time	Location
Dearborn	1-3 pm	Dearborn Peace Park West, 22271 W Village Dr
Detroit	1-4 pm	Clark Park, 1130 Clark Ave
Farmington Hills	1-3 pm	Farmington Community Library, 32737 W 12 Mile Rd
Ferndale	1-3 pm	East 9 Mile Road & Woodward Avenue
Livonia	1-3 pm	Farmington Rd & Five Mile Rd
Novi	1-3 pm	Grand River Avenue & Novi Road
Romeo	1-3 pm	Romeo Trailside Bridge, 256 Clinton St
Troy	12-3 pm	East Big Beaver Road & Rochester Road
Waterford Twp	12-2 pm	5070 Highland Rd
Wyandotte	1-3 pm	Wyandotte City Hall, 3200 Biddle Ave

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How One Catholic School Principal Is Shaping the Next Generation of Leaders

By Kaylee Razo | Photos by Luciana Vega

If you walk into Holy Redeemer Grade School, you'll likely find its principal, Sister Kateri Marie Burbee, sharing a laugh with a student, warmly greeting a parent at the front door, or kindly answering a teacher's question.

Burbee, who is a member of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT), has been the principal at Holy Redeemer for the past five years. Her enthusiastic approach to leadership stems from her strong faith and extensive background in education.

After graduating from Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH with a degree in education in 2003, she dedicated two years to missionary service on the Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota, an experience that helped confirm her calling to teach. "I think I always knew I was meant to be a teacher," she reflected. "Now, as a principal, it all comes together—grade school is such a key time in a child's life." She finds special joy in watching students grow in academics and in their excitement to explore their faith.

Burbee's more than 15 years of experience as a religious sister and 12 years of classroom experience have ensured that the more-than-140-year-old school continues to flourish in both faith and academics. Her work is mission-driven and shaped by a holistic view of Catholic education.

This mission is especially important at Holy Redeemer. With 95% of its student body identifying as Hispanic, Burbee has helped make the school into a cultural and spiritual haven for local families. This sense of community is one of the many reasons why Burbee continues the school's mission. "Southwest Detroit is really a remarkable neighborhood," Burbee said. "I am inspired daily by the parents and the students. They just have such love, reverence, and devotion to our Lord."

Through her connection with parents and the local community, Burbee has seen the importance of limiting financial barriers in attending the school. "We try to have the tuition at a cost that parents can actually afford," Burbee said. "The cost of educating a student in a Michigan private school is $9,150. We ask parents to pay $4,200, and 95% of our students receive some form of scholarship."

It's a mission that not only inspires students and families but also her colleagues. Lisa Swanson has worked alongside Burbee for five years now as a grant writer. She explains that working with Burbee is a pleasure in itself. "She's very much dedicated to her mission and her values, and she really helps with the success of the kids in the school. She goes above and beyond anything that's asked of her," Swanson said. She further adds that she loves her job because of the school's guiding mission. "I think it's very valuable to the community to be able to maintain an independent private school with Christian values in Southwest Detroit," Swanson says.

Burbee has also made sure that Holy Redeemer offers more than affordable tuition. She says that a central part of their mission is to offer students "a school experience that excels in faith, academics, and service." The school is fully accredited by the Michigan Non-Public School Accrediting Association and offers a rigorous academic curriculum along with a variety of enriching programs such as a coding and robotics program, a Kithara Guitar Project, and a new study room and play space for students.

The school also holds weekly mass, incorporates Catholic teachings into its curriculum, and frequently organizes service projects. One such service project saw students collecting socks for a local warming shelter. Another, during Catholic Schools Week, raised over $900, surpassing their goal of $150, to support a Catholic school in California affected by wildfires. "The kids were so generous," she said. "They understand that being Catholic means serving others."

That commitment to service also extends to addressing larger social issues. In response to recent concerns around immigration, Burbee made an effort to create a safe space for students and their families. "We met with each classroom just to talk about the issues and how they were feeling," Burbee said. "We want to dispel all fear and (instill) trust that God is taking care of us."

School efforts like these strengthen students and prepare them for what's ahead, extending Burbee's impact beyond the walls of Holy Redeemer. Ines Leal, director of admissions at Detroit Cristo Rey High School, sees it firsthand in the students who apply from Holy Redeemer each year. "Our applicants from Holy Redeemer come with a strong background in academic excellence and service to the community," she said. "They arrive already involved, many serve during mass or are involved in robotics and continue those passions here."

Leal notes that students from Holy Redeemer often even enroll in algebra classes as 8th graders, a class often taken in high school. "They're eager to learn and eager to help one another, traits that clearly reflect Sister Kateri's compassionate leadership and love for education." Leal believes that strong Catholic schools like Holy Redeemer play a vital role in shaping not just scholars, but young people who live out gospel values through service, qualities that make them stand out in any high school setting.

One such example is Miranda Alonso, a Holy Redeemer alum and intern who earned a full, four-year scholarship worth $350,000 to the University of Notre Dame through the prestigious QuestBridge National College Match program. Now studying Finance and Chinese, Miranda reflects on how her time at Holy Redeemer, and especially her relationship with Sister Kateri, shaped her.

Miranda credits her formation at Holy Redeemer with teaching her essential life values. "Alongside critical soft skills such as adaptability and collaboration, I was also able to learn to better display humility and kindness through Sr. Kateri, among other faculty members at the school." Even now, the relationship continues. "During my freshman year at Notre Dame, I was even visited by both Sr. Kateri and Ms. Ilov, who were incredibly supportive and proud of my accomplishments."

Looking to the future, Burbee is optimistic. She hopes to increase enrollment and to continue strengthening the school's spiritual and academic foundation. "Every year, our goal is to improve," she said. "We want to grow spiritually, academically, and even improve our campus."

Stemming from that goal, Holy Redeemer is now hoping to reach more families and encourage them to consider a Catholic education. "We want to find the best fit for each child," Burbee said. "Not every school is the right fit for every student, but if parents come and tour our school, talk to our families, they'll see the difference." That difference, according to Burbee, is the school's mission to form students who are "proudly Catholic" and ready to share their faith in the world.

As students graduate from Redeemer, they do just that: They carry knowledge from service projects, a strong commitment to faith, skills in science, math, and the arts, and the guiding example of a principal who leads with care and purpose, helping them thrive as they navigate the next steps of their lives.

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Make-A-Wish Michigan Needs Spanish-speaking Volunteers

Since 1984, Make-A-Wish Michigan has granted more than 12,000 wishes to courageous children with critical illnesses throughout the state. In 2024 alone, wishes have been granted for 500 Michigan-based children.

You can help change the lives of Michigan children battling critical illnesses by volunteering for Make-A-Wish Michigan. Our volunteers are our front line of helping us deliver our mission!

We are currently seeking Spanish speaking volunteers to provide translation services and help enhance wish access and opportunities for every eligible child.

It all starts with a question: "If you could wish for anything in the world, what would you wish for?" Each wish is as unique as the child, and our wish team's sole focus is to exceed the wish child's expectations and create a truly transformational wish experience.

A wish from Make-A-Wish is more than meeting a special hero or taking a trip. A wish provides lasting hope and impact—not just for that moment when a wish is granted, but for a lifetime. This impact extends beyond the wish child, and the effects of the wish spread through their family, friends, medical team and community.

Wishes bring a newfound sense of hope and a positive focus, which has been proven to positively impact a child's physical well-being and overall quality of life, as seen below.

- One hundred percent of medical professionals said a wish experience improves a child's emotional well-being.
- Ninety-eight percent of medical professionals said a wish experience has a positive impact on a child's physical well-being.

Make-A-Wish Michigan is one of 57 Make-A-Wish chapters across the country. Each chapter is its own 501(c)(3) with a board of directors, staff and volunteers. The organization does not receive state or federal funding to grant wishes, and funds donated to Make-A-Wish Michigan stay in Michigan and help to grant wishes in all 83 counties.

Additional Ways You Can Help:

REFER: Medical professionals, parents or legal guardians, and family members with detailed knowledge of the child's current medical condition can refer a child to Make-A-Wish. We serve children with critical conditions in 12 different pediatric specialties. Visit michigan.wish.org/refer to learn more.

HELP OTHERS: Our volunteers are at the heart of every wish experience. Register to become a wish-granting volunteer and help kids realize their one true wish. Visit wish.org/michigan/volunteer for further information.

DONATE: Become a monthly donor, organize a payroll deduction or set up a fundraiser. Other opportunities include donating unused frequent flyer miles or your used car. Visit wish.org/michigan/ways-help-us to learn more.

JOIN: Join hundreds of supporters in our Trailblaze or Wish-A-Mile events; or attend a third-party event. For more information, visit wish.org/michigan/our-events.

EXPLORE: Follow us on social media (@makeawishmi) to learn more about the life-changing wishes we are granting in your neighborhood.

Make-A-Wish Michigan necesita voluntarios hispanohablantes

Desde 1984, Make-A-Wish Michigan (Pide un Deseo Michigan) ha cumplido más de 12,000 deseos a niños valientes con enfermedades graves en todo el estado. Tan solo en 2024, se cumplieron los deseos de 500 niños de Michigan.

Puede ayudar a cambiar la vida de los niños de Michigan que luchan contra enfermedades graves como voluntario de Make-A-Wish Michigan. ¡Nuestros voluntarios son la primera línea para ayudarnos a cumplir nuestra misión!

Actualmente buscamos voluntarios hispanohablantes para brindar servicios de traducción y ayudar a mejorar el acceso y las oportunidades para cada niño elegible.

Todo comienza con una pregunta: "Si pudieras desear cualquier cosa en el mundo, ¿qué pedirías?". Cada deseo es tan único como el niño, y el único objetivo de nuestro equipo de deseos es superar las expectativas del niño y crear una experiencia verdaderamente transformadora.

Un deseo de Make-A-Wish es más que conocer a un héroe especial o hacer un viaje. Un deseo brinda esperanza y un impacto duradero, no solo en el momento en que se cumple, sino para toda la vida. Este impacto se extiende más allá del niño que lo pide, y sus efectos se extienden a su familia, amigos, equipo médico y comunidad.

Los deseos brindan una nueva sensación de esperanza y una actitud positiva, lo cual ha demostrado tener un impacto positivo en el bienestar físico y la calidad de vida general del niño, como se muestra a continuación.

- El 100 % de los profesionales médicos afirmó que la experiencia de pedir un deseo mejora el bienestar emocional del niño.
- El 98 % de los profesionales médicos afirmó que la experiencia de pedir un deseo tiene un impacto positivo en el bienestar físico del niño.

Make-A-Wish Michigan es una de las 57 sucursales de Make-A-Wish en todo el país. Cada sucursal es una organización 501(c)(3) independiente con una junta directiva, personal y voluntarios. La organización no recibe fondos estatales ni federales para conceder deseos, y los fondos donados a Make-A-Wish Michigan se quedan en Michigan y ayudan a conceder deseos en los 83 condados. Otras maneras de ayudar:

REFERENCIA: Profesionales médicos, padres o tutores legales, y familiares con conocimiento detallado de la condición médica actual del niño pueden referirlo a Make-A-Wish. Atendemos a niños con afecciones críticas en 12 especialidades pediátricas diferentes. Visite michigan.wish.org/refer para obtener más información.

AYUDE A LOS DEMÁS: Nuestros voluntarios son la clave de cada experiencia de deseo. Regístrese para convertirse en voluntario que concede deseos y ayude a los niños a cumplir su único y verdadero deseo. Visite wish.org/michigan/volunteer para obtener más información.

DONE: Conviértase en donante mensual, organice una deducción de nómina u organice una recaudación de fondos. Otras oportunidades incluyen donar millas de viajero frecuente no utilizadas o su auto usado. Visite wish.org/michigan/ways-help-us para obtener más información.

ÚNASE: Comparta con cientos de colaboradores en nuestros eventos Trailblaze o Wish-A-Mile; o asista a un evento de terceros. Para más información, visite wish.org/michigan/our-events.

EXPLORE: Síganos en redes sociales (@makeawishmi) para descubrir más sobre los deseos transformadores que estamos cumpliendo en su comunidad.

Finalmente, para más información, visite https://wish.org/michigan/en-espanol

Traducción Carmen Elena Luna

Fifteen-year old kidney transplant patient Genesis wished for a Quincenera party

Twelve-year old Enrique wished for a Mini Goldendoodle Puppy

Five-year old cancer patient Angelito wished to have a charro party

Sixteen-year old Johanna who suffers from a seizure disorder wished for a Michigan beach vacation

Thrilling Finish to the 2025 Detroit Grand Prix!

Photos by Adam J. Dewey

This past weekend approximately 100,000 fans packed Downtown Detroit, for the 2024 Detroit Grand Prix.

The winners from the 2025 Detroit Grand Prix, were:

1st place - Kyle Kirkwood, Dallara-Honda

2nd place - Santiago Ferrucci, Dallara-Chevrolet

3rd place - Colton Herta, Dallara-Honda

4th place - Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet

5th place - Kyffin Simpson, Dallara-Honda

Among the Latino racers we saw, Ecuadorian-American Juan Manuel Correa placed third in NXT, Pato O'Ward placed seventh in NTT and winner of last week's Indy 500 Alex Palou of Spain crashed late in the Detroit race.

For more action photos, visit www.elcentralmedia.com.

Race car notables meet the press at the Detroit RenCen on Thursday prior to the race (left to right): Felipe Nasr of Brasilia, Brazil - a driver for Porsche Penske Motorsport; Alex Palou, who won five of the first six races of the season and the Indianapolis 500 last weekend; race car legend Roger Penske.

The above photos by Mike Alberts

Pato O'Ward (Mexico - #5) sprints down Bates Street near the Detroit River en route to a 7th place finish in the Indy Car NTT series race.

Pato O'Ward (Mexico - #5, front) starts to corner into an S turn on Atwater Street en route to a 7th place finish in the Indy Car NTT series race.

A young fan waves a race flag before the Indy Car NTTT series race starts from on top of the Port Atwater Parking Garage.

All racers pull into pit lane to wait as wreckage from a crash is cleared from the course so the final laps can be run.

Winner of the 2023 Detroit Grand Prix, Alex Palou (Spain - #10) had struggles during the 2025 Detroit Grand Prix after starting in 5th place and finishing the Indy NTT series race in 25th position.

Boaters took to the Detroit River to watch the 2025 Detroit Grand Prix.

Fans wave the checkered flag from a parking garage as racers pass the finish line.

The Renaissance Center looks over pit lane during the Indy NXT series race.

Jacob Abel (USA - #51) pulls out of pit lane en route to his 18th place finish during the Indy NTT series race.

Indy NTT series racers head into the last turn before the last lap.

Scott McLaughlin (New Zealand - #3) starts to corner into an S turn on Atwater Street en route to a 12th place finish in the Indy Car NTT series race.

Ashley Greer of Northville, MI shows off her autographed Pato O'Ward (Mexico - #5) shirt ahead of the Indy Car NTT series race.

Indy NTT series race cars head into an S turn on Atwater Street during the Detroit Grand Prix.

Kyle Kirkwood (USA - #27, center, 1st place), Santino Ferrucci (USA - #14, right, 2nd place), and Colton Herta (USA - #26, left, third place) hold their trophies from on top of the winner's circle stage.

Michigan Panthers In Playoffs !!!

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The Michigan Panthers have once again made it to the UFL Playoffs.

The Panthers hosted the Houston Roughnecks for their final game of the season, a Ford Field.The Panthers lost to the Roughnecks 12 - 19.

The Panthers will face the Birmingham Stallions, this Sunday, June 8th at 3:00 pm for Conference Finals, on ABC.

If the Panthers can beat the Stallions, they will move onto the UFL Championship game, on Saturday, June 14th in Saint Louis, MO at 7:00 pm

Photos below are highlights from the final home game between the Michigan Panthers and Houston Roughnecks

Former Michigan Panther and current Detroit Lions kicker Jake Bates paid a visit to his former teammates #44 Garrett Marino, #46 Peter Bowden, and #75 Ryan Nelson, in the tunnel before kickoff

Retired world champion and Detroit boxing legend Tommy Hearns and three time Golden Glove champion Savannah Tini (pro-record 3-0) were honored on the field after the first quarter

Matthew Colburn II (#26) is raised into the air as he celebrates his 23 yard rushing TD with his Panthers teammates

Rocky Lombardi (#12) sprints for a first down on a quarterback keeper

Jalen Wydermyer (#85) catches Rocky Lombardi pass for a first down

Nate McCrary (#28) rushed for 68 yards on 12 attempts

Portland Races By DCFC

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If Detroit City FC manager Danny Dichio hoped that a USL Jagermeister Cup game against the Portland Hearts of Pine would be the tonic for his team's extended slump, the USL League One team dashed those hopes less than five minutes into last Saturday's meeting. The lower division packed newly built Fitzpatrick Stadium to witness the biggest team to visit their club in its first season.

The hosts didn't let their supporters down. Azaad Liadi capitalized on some lax defending to sprint through and beat Carlos Saldana to give Hearts the early lead they would never relinquish. Hearts had clearly seen how DCFC performed in the US Open Cup loss to Chicago. They employed a similar game-plan. While Le Rouge tried to slowly pass out of the back, Hearts brought a speedy press that forced numerous turnovers. DCFC simply could never figure out to play through the press. They were slow and ponderous on the ball, regularly playing themselves into confined spaces to the benefit of Hearts. That made the remainder of the first half a tough watch for the faithful fans at home.

Hearts of Pine are languishing in the bottom half of USL League One, but based on this showing could be primed for a move up the table. Goalkeeper Kashope Oladapo made a series of terrific saves, including two on Darrin Smith, to keep the hosts in front. Meanwhile, their ever dangerous counterattacks gave DCFC's defenders fits. They exposed DCFC's biggest weakness: a lack of speed in the spine of the team.

Dichio started Dominic Gasso and Jay Chapman as a dual pivot in front of the back three. They offered no resistance to Hearts' pacy attackers, leaving the defenders and Saldana exposed time and again. Stephen Carroll returned to the starting lineup, but was repeatedly left behind by Liadi, Nathaniel James and several others. The absences of Michael Bryant and Rhys Williams weakened the right side beyond repair. Haruki Yamazaki looked uncomfortable at best in the right back spot and found little support from Jeciel Cedeno, who was duly replaced at halftime.

Ollie Wright doubled the Hearts' lead before a half hour had been played. DCFC looked shell-shocked and woefully unprepared for the speed Hearts threw at them. While they rallied and forced the play the remainder of the half, nobody could get a shot past Olodapo.

How upset was Dichio with the first half? He made an unprecedented, for him, three changes at the break. Initially, those moves had the desired effect and DCFC forced Hearts to defend deep. Sebastien Guenzatti, one of the newcomers, pulled a goal back early on, but the defense just could not keep Hearts out. During a frantic last fifteen minutes, Hearts stretched the lead to 3-1, Darrin Smith finally finished one of his numerous chances to make it 3-2, and Mohamed Mohamed of Hearts finished the game with a fourth following a delightful backheeled pass from John Kamara.

This loss stings. DCFC had problems all over the field. The midfield lacks pace. The defenders were slow and left exposed. The forwards had plenty of chances, but probably made it too easy on the opposing goalkeeper. DCFC had best hope that this was rock bottom, because they haven't won a game since April. If they want to advance in the Jagermeister Cup, they will have to win at Hartford on June 28 and at home against Westchester SC on July 26. They might need some help, too, because the first tie-breaker is goals scored.

On Saturday night, DCFC returns to league play in Pittsburgh against the Riverhounds. Again, this is a team below DCFC in the standings, with only one win in their last five games. Le Rouge are rapidly approaching a must win scenario to turn around this winless run. The points dropped in May will haunt them later in the season when the playoff spots are decided, especially if they continue to struggle. The team has always been built on a rock solid defense and top goalkeeping. Both have failed to deliver over the past month and a half.

Lions News and Upcoming Taqueria El Rey Wrestling

Detroit Lions Center #77 Frank Ragnow, is retiring after 7 seasons with the Lions. Ragnow is a four-time Pro Bowl center, and one of the most important players on a Detroit Lions offensive line.

Photo provided by the Detroit Lions

International Bigtime Wrestling Returns to Taqueria El Rey for 'Brawl on Bagley' – Sunday, June 8th at 4:00 pm!

DETROIT, MI – The heat is on as International Bigtime Wrestling and Throwdown Theatre team up once again to bring fans a live afternoon of high-impact action right in the heart of Southwest Detroit! On Sunday, June 8th, the legendary Taqueria El Rey transforms into the battleground for Brawl on Bagley—an unforgettable throwdown where rivalries ignite, champions are tested, and legends are born.

Admission is just $10—Doors open at 3 PM, bell time at 4 PM. Food and drink available from Taqueria El Rey throughout the afternoon.

Festival ¡ARRiBA! Latinos

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Los entusiastas de la comida disfrutarán un viaje gastronómico por América Latina, con comida y bebidas auténticas. Como compartió Anderanin, "Es una especie de celebración y una oportunidad para destacar nuestro talento local".

El festival también sirve como un símbolo de orgullo y unidad cultural. "Tenemos que unirnos y celebrar... para ayudarnos a celebrar. Y no solo para nosotros como latinos, sino también para dar la bienvenida a otras personas que desean conocer más sobre nuestra cultura", añadió.

Las entradas para el festival ya están disponibles en www.ARRiBALatinos.com. El precio de preventa para pases de adulto de un día es de $59, y el de dos días es de $85, con precios reducidos para boletos juveniles. Los niños menores de 5 años entran gratis, lo que hace el evento más accesible para que las familias disfruten de la festividad.

Además de las ventas en línea, las entradas también están disponibles en varios puntos de venta en el área metropolitana de Detroit.

ARRiBA! Latinos Festival

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But ARRiBA! is more than just a musical gathering. The event will feature a variety of engaging activities for all ages, including the thrilling Lucha Xtreme wrestling showcase, starring world-famous athletes like MicroMan. A dedicated children's corner will provide a bounce house and free face painting for families, ensuring that every attendee has an unforgettable experience.

Food enthusiasts will indulge in a gastronomic journey through Latin America, with food trucks and bars offering an array of authentic dishes and beverages. As Anderanin shared, "It's kind of a celebration and an opportunity for us to highlight our local talent."

The festival also serves as a beacon of cultural pride and unity. "We have to come together and celebrate...to help us celebrate. And not only for us as Latinos but also to welcome other people that want to learn more about our culture," she added.

Tickets for the festival are now on sale at www.ARRiBALatinos.com. Early bird pricing starts at $59 for single-day adult passes and $85 for a two-day pass, with youth tickets available at reduced prices. Children 5 and under are admitted free, making it accessible for families to join in the festivities.

In addition to online sales, tickets are available at several physical locations throughout the Detroit metro area, including:

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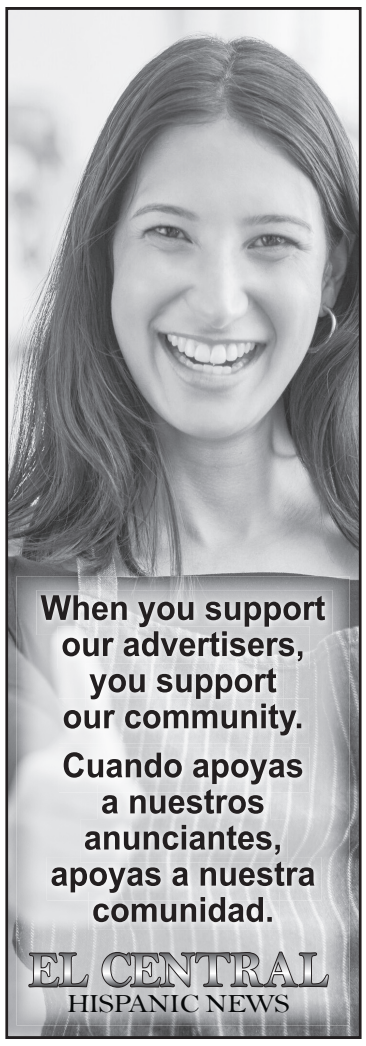
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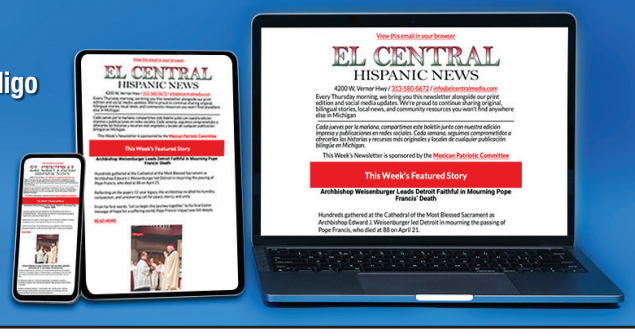
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Purpose:	**Budget Hearing**

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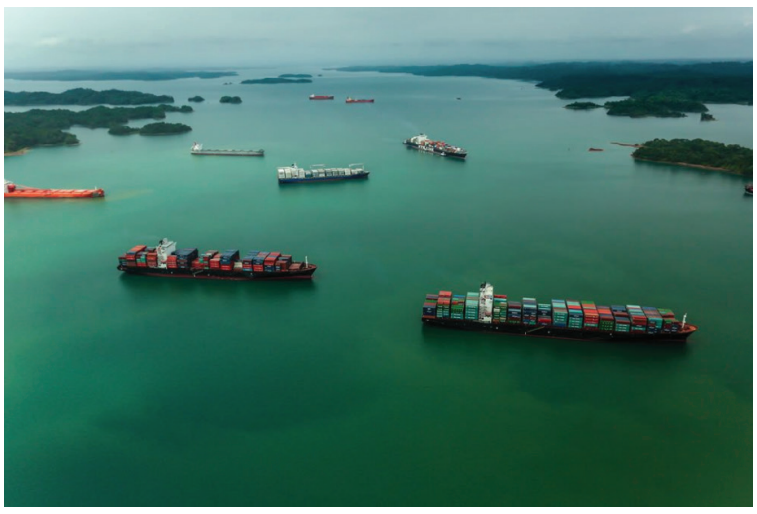

Panama is one of the countries with the greatest economic boom in the Latin American region, largely due to two convenient factors: first, the fact that the interoceanic corridor between the Atlantic and the Pacific is located here, inaugurated in 1914; and second, because its population is not that high, being only 4.5 million, of which almost 3 million live in the metropolitan area of Panama City. This makes it a country with a majority of urban population and facilitates economic distribution. Panama City on the Pacific coast has everything necessary for a free trade zone, an area where international trade is facilitated with transactions and other types of access. The Panama Canal runs from ocean to ocean, passing through Gatun Lake, which is the highest point in the canal. Although the Pacific Ocean is 20 centimeters higher than the Atlantic Ocean, Gatun Lake is 26 meters above sea level, making direct ship transit difficult, necessitating the construction of water gates.

Its economic activity is not only focused on the passage of ships through the canal, but also on tourism to its spectacular and exceptional beaches. Many cruise ships stop in Panama for a couple of days to allow their tourists to enjoy the landscapes of the continental Caribbean.

Its official language is Spanish, and its currency is the Balboa, which has the same weight as the dollar. Its indigenous peoples are: Bri-Bri, Naso or Teribe, Ngabe, Bugle, Guna Dule or Kuna, Wounaan, Emberá, and Bokota. During the Thousand Days' War in Colombia, Panama, which was still part of Colombia, participated, as reflected in its flag through the colors of the red and blue squares, with blue representing the Conservative Party and red representing the Liberal Party. In 1821, Panama achieved independence from Spain as part of Gran Colombia. However, in 1903, with the intervention of the United States, it separated from Colombia, and the current nation of Panama was created.

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ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO,
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Emberá-Wounaan Creation Myth

Tatzitzetze created the universe, humans, and things. Four worlds in front of and four worlds behind the Earth, with their gods and powers. From Tatzitzetze emerged Caragabí, the master of this world, who over the years acquired strength and knowledge.

Caragabí dedicated himself to making dolls from a rock called Mompahuará. After several attempts, as they didn't turn out well, he asked Tutruica, god of the Armucura world, for help.

Tutruica gave him a piece of clay, which he used to bring his dolls to life by blowing on their foreheads, hands, and feet. Caragabí was very proud of his work: a man and a woman, who were later punished and transformed. The man became the sun, called Humantahú, and the woman became the moon, called Gedeco.

Later, Caragabí added the stars, established the number and behavior of nature and its creatures. He gave each thing its name, its place, and its task. He established laws and respect for human life, giving a definitive order to this world, but he realized that the world had no water. He sent a dove to search for it in other worlds, but it never returned.

One night, Caragabí dreamed that there was water in his world and sent a parakeet to search for it. The parakeet found it in a cave where a woman named Genzera lived. The cave was closed, and inside there was plenty of crystal-clear water and fish, but Genzera refused to open the door. The god Caragabí appeared and asked for water, but the woman didn't respond. When she didn't respond, he broke down the door, and the water came out. As punishment for her wickedness, he cut Genzera in two, but she didn't die. She became a large black ant that carries water in its mouth to be deposited in a hollow tree called Genené.

The Genené tree has a special place. Traditions say that the seas flow from its trunk; the rivers from its branches; the streams and brooks from its large shoots. and the swamps of their small shoots. It is believed that the Genené tree and the Mompahuará rock are together in a special place, surrounded by four fires. And so they will remain until the end of the world, when the rock will split open and the fire will grow, forming a fiery river that will purify the earth and make it more beautiful.

ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO

Panamá

Panamá es uno de los países con mayor auge económico de la región de Hispanoamérica, en gran parte debido a dos factores convenientes, por un lado que aquí se encuentra el corredor interoceánico entre el Atlántico y el Pacífico inaugurado en 1914 y, por otro el otro lado, debido a que su población no es tan elevada, siendo de tan sólo 4.5 millones, de los cuales casi 3 millones viven en la zona metropolitana de la Ciudad de Panamá, lo que le hace un país con su mayoría de población urbana y facilita la distribución económica. La Ciudad de Panamá en el Pacífico cuenta con todo lo necesario de una zona franca, una zona donde el comercio internacional se facilite con transacciones y otro tipo de accesos.

El Canal de Panamá va de océano a océano, pasando por el Lago Gatún, que es la zona con mayor altitud entre el canal, pues, aunque el Océano Pacífico se encuentra 20 centímetros más elevado que el Océano Atlántico, el Lago Gatún se encuentra a 26 metros sobre el nivel del mar, lo que dificulta el tránsito directo de los barcos, haciendo necesaria la creación de las compuertas de agua.

Su actividad económica no sólo se centra en el paso de barcos a través del canal, sino también del turismo a sus espectaculares y excepcionales playas. Muchos cruceros paran en Panamá un par de días para dejar que sus turistas disfruten de los paisajes del caribe continental.

Su lengua oficial es el español y su moneda es el Balboa que tiene el mismo peso que el dólar. Sus pueblos indígenas son: Bri-Bri, Naso o Teribe, Ngabe, Bugle, Guna Dule o Kuna, Wounaan, Emberá, Bokota.

Durante la Guerra de los Mil Días de Colombia, Panamá que aún era parte de Colombia tuvo participación, la cual quedó grabada en su bandera a través de los colores de los recuadros rojo y azul, siendo el color azul la representación del partido conservador y el rojo, del partido liberal. En 1821 logró como parte de la Gran Colombia su independencia de España, sin embargo, en 1903 con la intervención estadounidense se separa de Colombia y se crea la actual nación de Panamá.

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Mito de la Creación Emberá-Wounaan

Tatzitzetze creó el universo, a los humanos y a las cosas. Cuatro mundos delante y cuatro mundos detrás de la tierra con sus dioses y poderes. De Tatzitzetze surge Caragabí, el amo de este mundo, quien con los años adquirió fuerza y conocimiento.

Caragabí se dedicaba a hacer muñecos de una roca llamada Mompahuará. Después de varios intentos como no le quedaban bien, le pidió ayuda a Tutruica, dios del mundo Armucura.

Tutruica le obsequió un pedazo de barro con el que logra darle vida a sus muñecos soplando en sus frentes, manos y pies. Caragabí estaba muy orgulloso de su obra: Un hombre y una mujer, quienes posteriormente fueron castigados y transformados. El hombre en sol, llamado Humantahú y la mujer, en luna, Gedeco.

Después, Caragabí agregó las estrellas, estableció el número y comportamiento de la naturaleza y sus criaturas. Dio a cada cosa su nombre, su lugar y su trabajo; estableció leyes y el respeto a la vida humana, dando un orden definitivo a este mundo, pero se dio cuenta que el mundo no tenía agua. Envió a una paloma a buscarla en otros mundos, pero ésta no volvió.

Una noche, Caragabí soñó que en su mundo sí había agua y envió a un periquito a buscarla, éste la encontró en una cueva donde vivía una mujer llamada Genzera. La cueva estaba cerrada, dentro tenía mucha agua cristalina y peces, pero Genzera no quiso abrir la puerta. El dios Caragabí se presentó y le pidió agua, pero la mujer no respondió. Ante su silencio, él echó abajo la puerta y el agua salió. Como castigo por su maldad, cortó a Genzera en dos partes, pero ella no murió. Se convirtió en una gran hormiga negra que porta agua en su boca para dejarla en un árbol hueco llamado Genené.

El árbol Genené tiene un lugar especial. Dicen las tradiciones que los mares proceden de su tronco; los ríos de sus ramas, los riachuelos y arroyos de sus brotes grandes; y los pantanos de sus brotes chicos. Se cree que el árbol Genené y la roca Mompahuará están juntos en un lugar especial, rodeados de cuatro fuegos. Y así se quedarán hasta el fin del mundo, cuando la roca se abrirá y el fuego crecerá formando un río ardiente que purificará la tierra y la hará más hermosa.

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